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PRESS RELEASE

The Ghana Medical Association (GMA) has noted with great concern and disgust circulating videos of a potential COVID-19 super spreader event purported to have been organized by the Christ Embassy Church, Ghana (The youth wing) at the Fantasy Dome, Accra and the subsequent Ghana Police Service Press Release on same.

The videos and pictures from this church event defies all logic especially during this crucial time of the COVID-19 pandemic. This activity clearly goes contrary to all the laid down COVID-19 preventive protocols and laws by Government. This action on the part of the organizers and attendees of the said church event clearly defeats all efforts being made to combat COVID-19 and the prevention of a possible third (3rd) wave in the country. It is also an indirect threat to the life of all, especially, medical doctors and other health workers who will be expected to care for any COVID-19 infections arising out of this event.

The GMA strongly condemns this behavior by the leadership, organizers and members of the Christ Embassy Church, Ghana. Their unlawful act will set a bad

example for others to follow if it goes unpunished. A swift prosecution is needed to serve as a deterrent to all.

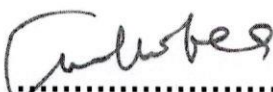
The GMA hereby urges the Attorney Generals' Department and the Ghana Police Service to as a matter of urgency ensure the swift prosecution of all persons (leadership of the Christ Embassy Church Ghana, the organizers of the said event, owners and managers of the Fantasy Dome and any other culprits) involved in this unlawful and reckless act. We cannot continue to risk our lives as health workers while such impunity and reckless disregard for the COVID-19 prevention protocols and laws go unchecked by the State.

The GMA also urges the leadership of all Religious Bodies in the country to ensure that all COVID-19 protocols are strictly observed during their activities. The State should not hesitate to close down any religious facility or organization that breaches the laws of the land with regards to COVID-19.

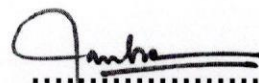
The GMA also entreats Government to strictly enforce all COVID-19 protocols and related laws across board without fear or favour especially as we continue to struggle to access vaccines for our people.

The general public is advised to ensure strict adherence to all COVID-19 protocols.

COVID-19 is real and still a huge threat to our country.



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